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State Route 91 Connector Closed for Extended Period

RIVERSIDE – Caltrans has two major closures planned for the work at the 60/91/215 interchange. All lanes will close to the eastbound State Route 91 (SR91) on Thursday, July 28 from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. the next day. The connector from the eastbound State Route 60 (SR60) to the northbound I-215 will be closed from 5 a.m. until 11 a.m. Friday, July 29 to allow the contractor to pour the roadway deck on the ‘flyover’. This closure is called to allow work crews to pour concrete to the deck of the future connector ramp between the northbound I-215 to the westbound SR91.

“We are in the midst of a major undertaking to build a 1.1-mile ‘flyover’ connector ramp between these major freeways,” said Mike Bergevin, Caltrans resident engineer for the project. “Our goal with this extended closure is to allow the contractor to pour this section of concrete continuously, so that there are no unplanned joints in the flyover.” At least 100 trucks will deliver 960 cubic yards of concrete for the connector during the life of this Thursday night and Friday morning closure.

Closed	Eastbound 91 at the 60/215 interchange till 5 a.m. on Friday
Detour	Eastbound 91 motorists will take the southbound I-215 and exit at the Blaine St. off-ramp. Turn left on Blaine Street, travel over the freeway and turn left back onto the northbound I-215 as a detour.
Closed	Eastbound 60 connector to northbound I-215 until 11 am on Friday
Detour	Eastbound 60 to the westbound 91, exit at Mission Inn, turn left to the eastbound 91

To avoid delays motorists can use an alternate route such as the I-10 to the northbound I-215. CHP will assist with traffic control through the detour. Otherwise allow extra time for your morning commute.

Work on this \$317 million 60/91/215 Freeway Improvement Project started in February 2004. Over the life of the contract, sweeping connector ramps from Interstate 215 to State Route 91 and new bridges at Linden and Iowa streets over I-215 will be built. The entire project is slated for a late 2007 completion date.

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The three freeways that make up this overall improvement project and interchange are critical links between major Inland Empire communities in both Riverside and San Bernardino counties and serve the major flow of commuter and commercial traffic throughout the region. This interchange carried nearly 314,000 daily vehicles in 2003 and served more than 332,000 vehicles in 2004.



Workers seem to show no fear of heights as evidenced in the construction of the \$317 million 60/01/215 Freeway Improvement Project. In left photo, a carpenter helps direct wooden beams that make up the future 1.1-mile freeway-to-freeway 'fly-over' connector from the northbound KM-215 to the eastbound State Route 91. At right, Ironworkers from RMD attach a metal jacket to the double-spiral cage that constitutes the inner skeleton of a support column for the connector ramp. Twenty-six separate columns will support the future two-lane ramp.

For project updates, call Caltrans directly at 1-866-60-91-215, or view the Web site at <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist8/6091215/schedule.htm>

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